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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Bernd Barchmann et al.

Application No.: 10/803,174

Confirmation No.: 4131

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Art Unit: 2841

For: NONCONDUCTING SUBSTRATE,  
FORMING A STRIP OR A PANEL, ON  
WHICH A MULTIPLICITY OF CARRIER  
ELEMENTS ARE FORMED

Examiner: H. C. Nguyen

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows: